

Requested Notice to Licensees Possessing Gulf Nuclear

Model AmBe 71-2A Neutron Well Logging Sources

The Department of Energy's Off-Site Source Recovery Project (OSRP) has requested that CRCPD member states assist in notifying any of their licensees who might possess Gulf Nuclear model AmBe-71A well logging sources of the impending lapse of special form certification for these sources. OSRP wishes to encourage persons who possess these particular sources to take advantage of the window of time to dispose of them. A brief notice from OSRP is presented below for posting on your web pages, or if you have the capability, of sending this notice directly to those licensees which your databases show possess one or more of these sources.

OSRP recently renewed an older Gulf Nuclear (Model AmBe 71-2A) special form certificate for a phase-out with a limited transition period for disposal related transportation. Review of the documentation we and registered users had on file convinces us that we cannot continue unrestricted certification.

Without special form certification these multi-curie sources can no longer be transported in Type A packages. Their users will be required to employ Type B packages for their transportation. Because of the more rigorous performance standards for Type B packages, they are considerably more expensive.

OSRP wishes to assist any persons who possess these sources to divest themselves of them while the special form certification is still in effect. If you possess any of these sources and wish to dispose of them, please contact OSRP and register them at <http://www.osrp.lanl.gov/contacts.shtml>